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MISSOULA.....

Coming off their first Big Sky Conference win of the season, the Montana Grizzlies have picked up some momentum and now look forward to the 77th annual football clash with the Montana State Bobcats. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Reno H. Sales Stadium in Bozeman this Saturday.

The game will be carried throughout much of Montana by Missoula's KYLT Radio. Bill Schwanke and Ken Staninger call the play-by-play. Also, UM's KUFM Radio will be carrying coverage of the game from Bozeman.

For the past three years the big game has been broadcast on statewide television and this year is no exception. Missoula's KGVO-TV will originate the broadcast to be carried by several TV stations around the state on the Grizzly-Bobcat Network. KGVO's Bill Boaz will handle the play-by-play.

After having lost a couple of games earlier this season by last-minute field goals, the Grizzlies turned the tables with a 22-yarder by Bruce Carlson with, ironically, 22 seconds left in the game, giving Montana a 17-15 win over Idaho State. The field goal was more than just the game clincher as far as Carlson was concerned. It also gave him the all-time scoring crown at the University of Montana. The field goal and two PATs in the game gave Carlson 181 career points, surpassing Dan Worrell's 180 points on the all-time list.

The Grizzlies now have a 2-5 overall record and a 1-4 standing in the conference.

"It really feels good to win," head coach Gene Carlson said after the game, "especially when our players responded so well. It was certainly our best effort of the season under some adverse situations."

The Grizzlies took a 14-0 lead only to see Idaho State come back with two touchdowns, a PAT kick and an all-important two-point conversion.

"We gave away a touchdown in the fourth quarter with a fumble on our own

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eight-yard line setting up their touchdown pass two plays later," Carlson said. "But it was more satisfying to win with a good, final drive under pressure than it would have been to win by three touchdowns."

Carlson was very pleased with the play of running back Monty Bullerdick who had a great day with 170-y.rds on 36 carries and one touchdown. He also caught one pass for 13 yards.

Defensively, Carlson said Robbie Dews, Steve Fisher, Scott Morton and of course, Greg Dunn, all played well. Dunn picked off three passes and returned a kickoff 34-yards in the fourth quarter giving UM good field position after Idaho State's go-ahead touchdown.

And while the Grizzlies were savoring a hard-earned win over ISU, Montana State was having a hard time punching it into the end zone as the Idaho Vandals completed their mastery of the two Montana schools this year. The Vandals downed the Bobcats 17-6.

Montana State sports a fine 5-2 overall mark and a 2-2 conference record. The Bobcats have averaged 315.6 yards a game on offense. They've picked up 238.1 a game on the ground and 77.4 in the air.

Defensively, MSU has allowed 337.7 yards a game. They've given up 202.4 on the ground and 135.3 a game in the air.

Delmar Jones (5-10, 200) a junior tailback, leads the Bobcat ground assault with 101 yards a game this season. He has 708 yards on 138 carries for a 5.1 carry average. Another junior tailback, Scott Hoard (6-0, 187) has rushed for 427 yards on 103 carries for an average of 61.0 yards a game. Jones is also the leading Bobcat scorer with 30 points. Kicker Jeff Muri has 25 points on 16 of 16 PAT's and 3 of 10 field goals.

Junior quarterback Paul Dennehy (6-0, 192) has thrown for 47 completions on 111 attempts and four interceptions for 530 yards. His favorite targets are wide receiver Mark McGrath (18 catches for 119 yards and one touchdown) and tight end Ron McCullough (14 catches for 140 yards and two touchdowns).



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Stu Dodds has punted 42 times this season for a 38.5 average. The Bobcats are led defensively by a solid front five and a good secondary. The defense is only giving up 15 points a game while the Bobcats are getting 19 points a game.

Monty Bullerdick continues to lead thd Grizzly offensive attack. The junior running back has 683 yards rushing and is threatening to break the 1,000-yard barrier. Junior receiver Vern Kelly is just four catches short of the single season receiving record of 33 catches set by Paul Cooley last season.

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